

BALTIMORE CITY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Phase 2 Submission

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*Baltimore Saves Energy*

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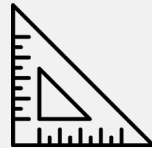


# Challenge: Coordinating a sustainability vision across our large portfolio

## District Overview



149 school building & administrative sites



16+ million square feet



75,811 students



100% free lunch

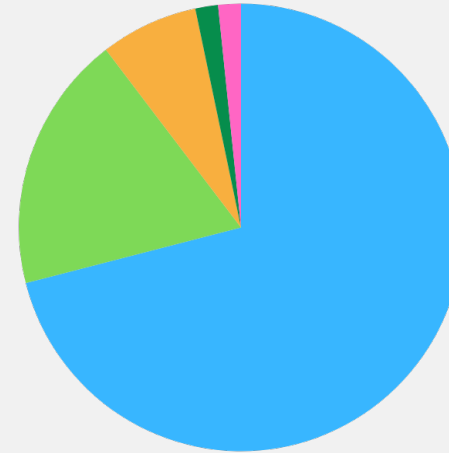


FY22-23  
Utility Budget  
\$30 Million



3 Energy Efficiency & Sustainability staff

*Data as of SY23/24*



## Racial Demographics

- African American
- White
- Hispanic Latino
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- American Indian



# Our Guide: The Sustainability Policy and Plan

City Schools adopted the Sustainability Policy in 2016. The policy calls for a Sustainability Plan, created in 2018 and updated in 2023.

**Develop Environmentally Literate Students**

**Create Healthy School Environments**

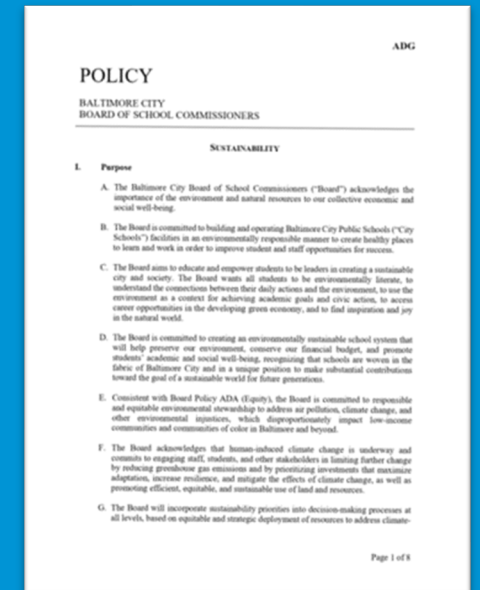
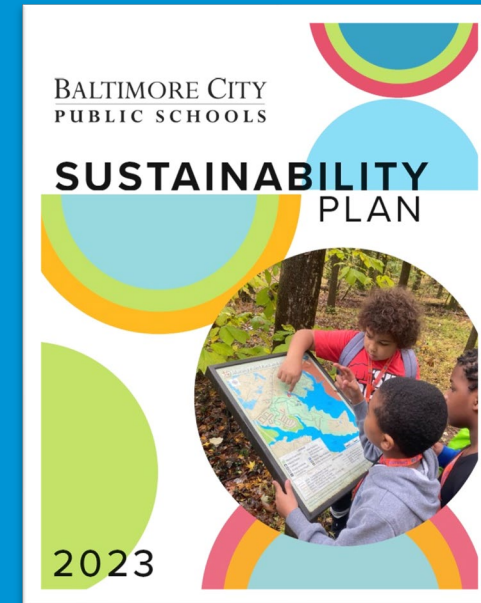
**Conserve Natural Resources**

**Improve School Green Spaces and Outdoor Connections**

**Engage School Communities**

**Build Student Leadership**

**Promote Environmental Justice and Equity**



<https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/page/sustainability>



# Training and Coaching

- The Energy Manager and the Sustainability Analyst attended all Energy CLASS Prize virtual trainings. Trainings were particularly useful for the onboarding and orientation of our new sustainability analyst who is new to this field.
- Led a *Lunch and Learn* about Fundamental Building Science, which received positive ratings from participants. We plan to hold a second session on indoor air quality this summer.
- It was good to know that we had a technical assistance provider ready and able to assist us when we needed help.



# Progress Made During Phase 2 & Associated Impacts



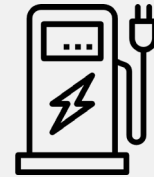
Professional Development



Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)



Solid Waste Reduction



Electric Vehicles



Stakeholder Engagement



School Based  
Greening Projects



## Professional Development



## School Based Greening Projects



## Stakeholder Engagement



# Facilities Addressed: District Headquarters



## Lighting upgrades using rebates:

We used our local utility rebates to complete full building lighting retrofits. On average, the pre and post energy use dropped between 15 to 17%.

	2022	2023	2024
Electricity	Electricity Use (kWh)	Electricity Use (kWh)	Electricity Use (kWh)
January	267,804	288,078	233,749
February	293,206	235,100	226,652
March	260,927	257,605	228,287

Note: Above you will see a 3 month comparison and it averages to 11 % energy use reduction.

District: 204,624 square feet

# Our Top 5 Goals



1

Lower our buildings' Energy Use Index (EUI)

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Continue working with utility to access rebates and technical assistance

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Seek funding to create net zero schools and on site/off site renewable energy

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Student and staff education

5

Implement and uphold the Sustainability Plan

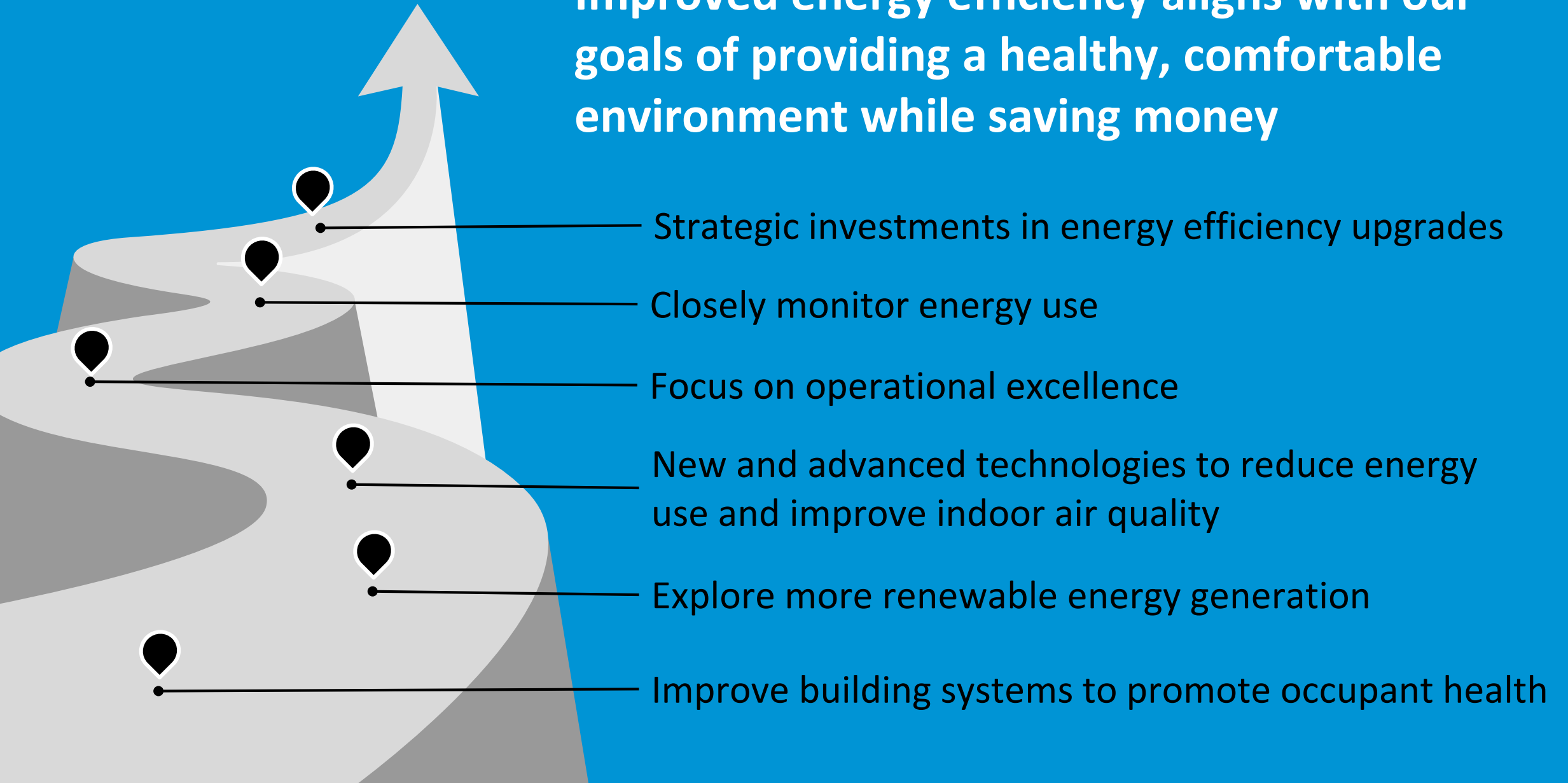


# Snapshot of Proposed Upgrades

Goal	Metrics	Strategy	Action	Timeline
Lower Average EUI	Lower EUI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved lighting</li> <li>Tightened occupancy schedules</li> <li>Occupant education &amp; behavior change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize utility rebates</li> <li>Continue work with vendor on building schedules</li> <li>Complete and distribute sustainability signs</li> </ul>	SY24-25 and ongoing
Lower Energy Use and Improve Learning Experience	Lower EUI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESCO procurement vehicle to get facility improvement projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional schools planned for retrofit to LED's</li> <li>Parking lot lighting improvements</li> </ul>	SY24-25 and ongoing
Develop Additional Net Zero Energy Schools	Number of Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek grants to offset additional costs in design and construction</li> <li>Stay abreast of best practices from other LEAs and partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educating Design &amp; Construction and Facilities staff on developing and caring for NZE schools.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Implement goals of the Sustainability Plan	Multiple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple, including annual report to the Board of School Commissioners</li> </ul>	Ongoing

## Next Steps

Improved energy efficiency aligns with our goals of providing a healthy, comfortable environment while saving money



# Thank you!

For more information, please visit [our Sustainability website](#) or contact us at [green@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:green@bcps.k12.md.us)



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